Gujarat Forestry Development Project

3161. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gujarat Government has submitted a new forestry development project for funding by JBIC;

(b) whether the proposal has been passed on to JBIC; and

(c) if not, by when it is proposed to be passed on to JBIC?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The project has been approved in principle by the Ministry of Environment and Forests. It has been decided to pose the same to Japan Bank for International Cooperation for seeking external assistance during 2003-2004.

Central amount for Bhadra Wild Life Sanctuary

3162. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for purposes of acquisition of land for setting up Wild Life Sanctuary at Bhadra, Government of India are yet to release the balance amount of Rs. 7.30 crores; and

(b) if so, by when the funds are proposed to be released?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) An amount of Rs. 11.74 crores has been approved by Government of India for the purpose of acquisition of land to resettle the villages shifted from inside Bhadra Wild Life Sanctuary. Out of this, Rs. 9.68 crores has already been released to the State Government of Karnataka. The balance of Rs. 2.06 crores will be released after the receipt of utilization certificate from the State Government.

Yamuna pollution by Indraprastha Power Station

†3163. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the Capital's oldest power generation centre, Indraprastha Power Station, is polluting the Yamuna river;

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